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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Houston

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SUBJECT : Your Meeting With [] Concerning CIA Regulations

1. The Director has requested the comments of the DD/S, as well as those of the DD/P and DD/I, on the IG Survey of CIA Regulations by 1 April. I think it very desirable that we have an opportunity to comment on the proposed reply; preferably we should write it.

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2. In connection with your meeting with [] this afternoon, I have only the following comments.

a. I think the IG survey misplaces emphasis and to that extent is misleading in a very harmful fashion. That is, the emphasis is given that the main fault to date is that only 40% of the regulatory issuances (in several series) which existed in 1953 when the present system was begun, have been replaced and that this fault could be corrected by assigning the DD/S the responsibility of repealing and revising the remaining 50% by 31 December 1956. The experience of this Office, however, has been that the real fault is that even the 40% are poorly written, generally difficult to use, and frequently obsolete or wrong. [] mentions in his Part II the necessity of improving the system, but this is distinctly secondary in his Survey.

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b. The proposal to make the RCS an immediate staff arm of the DD/S doubtless would make that staff a stronger unit and would be a good move. The Survey does not sufficiently emphasize, however, that RCS should exercise responsibility and authority, which it now has, for assuring the usefulness and reliability of the whole body of regulations.

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